

1 **Amended and Unchanged Existing Claims:**

2 Please amend claims 1, 6, and 11 as indicated below (all currently pending
3 claims are listed for the Office's convenience):
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6 **1. (Twice Amended)** A hypermedia browser embodied on a
7 computer-readable medium for execution on an information processing device
8 having a limited display area, wherein the hypermedia browser has a content
9 viewing area and is configured to display a temporary graphic element over the
10 content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content, wherein
11 the temporary graphic element is positioned [within] over the content viewing area
12 to only partially obstruct content in the content viewing area, wherein the
13 temporary graphic element does not contain information content.

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15 **2.** A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary
16 graphic element is animated.

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18 **3.** A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia
19 browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing
20 area.

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22 **4.** A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia
23 browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a
24 windowing operating environment.
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1 5. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein:
2 the temporary graphic element is animated; and
3 the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a
4 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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6 6. (Twice Amended) An information processing device comprising:
7 a processor;
8 a display;
9 a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display
10 content in a content viewing area on the display;
11 wherein the hypermedia browser displays a temporary graphic element over
12 the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading visible content;
13 wherein the temporary graphic element [occupies] is positioned only over
14 a portion of the content viewing area and only partially obstructs visible content in
15 the content viewing area; and
16 wherein the temporary graphic element indicates to a user that the browser
17 is loading content.

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19 7. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
20 temporary graphic element is animated.

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22 8. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
23 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the
24 content viewing area.
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1 9. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
2 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary
3 window in a windowing operating environment.

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5 10. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein:
6 the temporary graphic element is animated; and
7 the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a
8 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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10 11. **(Twice Amended)** A method of browsing a hyperlink resource,
11 comprising the following steps:

12 loading content from the hyperlink resource in response to user selection of
13 hyperlinks contained in said content;

14 displaying the content in a content viewing area;

15 displaying a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area
16 during the loading step, wherein the temporary graphic element only partially
17 obstructs content in the content viewing area;

18 wherein the loading, the content displaying, and the temporary graphic
19 element displaying steps occur at least partially concurrently.

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21 12. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional
22 step of animating the temporary graphic element.
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1 13. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step
2 includes displaying the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content
3 viewing area.

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5 14. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step
6 includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in
7 a windowing operating environment.

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9 15. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional
10 step of animating the temporary graphic element, wherein the displaying step
11 includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in
12 a windowing operating environment:

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14 16. A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that
15 are executable for performing the steps recited in claim 11.

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18 **New Claims:**

19 Please add claims 17-24 as indicated below:
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21 217. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the browser is
22 configured to display the temporary graphic element over the content viewing area
23 only during times when the browser is loading visible content.
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1 ~~3~~ 18. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary
2 graphic element indicates to a user that the browser is loading content.

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4 ~~4~~ 19. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary
5 graphic element disappears when the browser's loading of content is complete to
6 indicate to a user that such loading of content is complete.

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8 ~~Sub C5~~ 20. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
9 temporary graphic element does not contain information content.

10 ~~B4~~ 21. An information processing device as recited in claim ~~6~~¹², wherein the
11 temporary graphic element disappears when the browser's loading of content is
12 complete to indicate to a user that such loading of content is complete.

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14 ~~Sub C5~~ 22. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the temporary graphic
15 element does not contain information content.

16 ¹⁹ 23. A method as recited in claim ~~11~~¹⁹, wherein the temporary graphic
17 element indicates to a user that the loading step is being performed.

18 ¹⁹ 24. A method as recited in claim ~~11~~¹⁹, further comprising removing the
19 temporary graphic element once the loading step is complete to indicate to a user
20 that the loading step is complete.
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